

North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Prisons
Policy Summary Sheet



Sentence Credits

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Current Revision Summary (if applicable):

General changes from June 9, 2020 throughout policy include changing “Director” to “Commissioner “. Other minor grammatical corrections made where necessary.

Added: References

Related ACA Standard

5th Edition Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions 5-ACI-1E-03,
5-ACI-5E-02, 5-ACI-7A-13

.0110 DEFINITIONS

Page 2 (e) Added additional language which states “may be” to define eligible meritorious time and “and/ or for remaining infraction-free for a specified period of time.”

(f) Added additional language at the end which states “It is an undetermined amount of time that can be given as a sentence credit approved by the Commissioner of Prisons or his/her designee or the Wardens and/or their designee to authorize an earlier release date due to such situations as emergencies, to assist other agencies with a more conducive pick-up date, or to more effectively manage the prison population number.”

.0114 DISCRETIONARY TIME

Page 8 (a) Added additional language which states “Credits may be awarded to any offender who is authorized to earn sentence credits by statute or Division policy. This automatically excludes offenders including safe keepers, offenders who are serving CRV or PR3 sentences, and offenders on death row, and typically this will exclude any offender who is on RHDP, RHCP or HCON.”

Page 8 (b) Added additional language which states “For “example” and “Division authority can use discretionary time to affect releases of offenders at the direction of the Commissioner of Prisons.”

.0115 MERITORIOUS TIME

Page 11 (5) Additional language added to the first paragraph which states ‘including awarding” five (5) days for Meritorious Time Sentence Credit and “and Father Accountability; Offenders successfully completing the Therapeutic Diversion Unit (TDU) programming may receive twenty (20) days meritorious time; Offenders completing a 90-day Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Program (ACDP) may receive 15 days merit time for successful completion and offenders successfully completing a 6 (six) month ACDP program may receive (30) days meritorious time. The above such credits are limited to one award per program completion per period of incarceration.”

Pages 11 New policy information added. States specifically:

“6) Incentive Award

Eligible offenders may be awarded an Incentive Award each month for the previous calendar month if he/she remains free from a conviction of a disciplinary offense. OPUS will automatically generate and approve 3 days each month for offenders who have remained infraction-free during the previous calendar month. Prisons encourages every offender to maintain positive behavior and will award such behavior through this Incentive Award.

Ineligible offenders will include: offenders undergoing a disciplinary investigation, RHDP, RHCP, HCON, Heightened Sanctioned, Statewide Misdemeanor Confinement Program, Escapees, Pre-trial detainees, Pre-trial detainees undergoing risk assessments, CRV, PR3, Lifers and Death Row.

If a disciplinary charge is dismissed, if offender is found not guilty, or if an offender has a successful appeal, the incentive award will be awarded for the month during which the disciplinary was dismissed, found not guilty or the successful appeal occurred.”

Current changes from July 13, 2020 are highlighted in yellow.

.0115 MERITORIOUS TIME

Page 11 (5) Changed “Reentry, Programs and” to Rehabilitative.”

Page 11 (6) (1st Paragraph) Change “3” days to “4” days.

Page 11 (6) (2nd Paragraph) Added additional verbiage at the end which states
“and offenders who are within 30 days of their established projected release date.”

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